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Docket No. 17499

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I am the original, first and sole inventor, if only one inventor is identified below, or an original, first and joint inventor, if more than one inventor is identified below, of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought and which is entitled:

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and which is described and claimed:

 X in the attached application including specification and claims if this line is marked, or
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I have reviewed and understand the contents of the specification and the claims;

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I hereby claim the benefit under 35 USC §119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below.

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This application is a continuation pursuant to 35 USC §120 of each prior application (if any is identified) identified as follows:

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